during March 19—22, 1994 before submission of the release proposal to the Central Sub-committee on Crop Standards and Varietal Notification for their release and notification.

(e) and (f) The area coverage would depend on the potential of hybrids and their scale of adaptability and acceptability by the farmers. Over one hundred technical seed personnel—both of public and private sectors are trained on all aspects of hybrid seed production technology to undertake need based seed production of hybrid rice varieties.

Stoppage of MIO in Edible Oils

3287. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have taken a decision to stop the market intervention operations in edible oils on Central Government account ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether NDDB will stop working after this decision ;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(e) what will be the function of NDDB after Government has scrapped MIO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The term of Market Intervention Operations in oilseeds/edible oils by NDDB is for a period of 5 years, starting from April, 1989 and till March, 1994.

(c) to (e) After expiry of the term of the market intervention operations on Government's account, NDDB will be free to decide on its activities with regard to Dhara marketing and bulk trading in oils.

Consumption of Fertilizers

3288. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that fertilizer consumption during 1992-93 had been fixed at 143 lakh tonnes of nutrients ;

(b) if so, what is the total fertilizer consumption during the above period ;

(c) whether fertilizer consumption was more than targetted in 1992-93 ;

(d) what were the steps taken to meet the demand of fertilizer consumption will be more ; and

(f) if so, what steps are being conidered to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The fertilizer consumption during 1992-93 is estimated to be 121.53 lakh MT nutrients against the target of 143.00 lakh MT of nutrients.

(d) to (f) Fertilizer consumption trends during 1993-94 indicate an increase in the sale of nitrogenous fertilizers whereas sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizer has declined.

The demand for controlled nitrogenous fertilizer is assessed in consultation with the State Governments and made available through indigenous production and imports. In order to improve the availability of decontrolled fertilizers the import of such fertilizer has been decanalised. Concession at the rate of Rs. 1,000 per tonne on potassic fertilizer and indigenously produced phosphatic, complex and SSP fertilizers has been continued during 1993-94.

दुग्ध का राष्ट्रीय औसत उत्पादन

3289. श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय दुग्ध का राष्ट्रीय औसत उत्पादन कितना है और इसमें बिहार की भागेदारी कितनी है;

(ख) सरकार बिहार में दुग्ध उत्पादन को राष्ट्रीय औसत के बराबर लाने हेतु क्या उपाय कर रही है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने बिहार में दुग्ध उत्पादन हेतु सहकारिता को बढ़ावा देने का विचार किया है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) 1991-92 के दौरान दुग्ध उत्पादन का राष्ट्रीय औसत 178 ग्राम/व्यक्ति/दिन था जबकि बिहार में यह औसत 101 ग्राम/व्यक्ति/दिन था।

(ख) राज्य के दुग्ध संवर्धन कार्यक्रमों के अलावा, बिहार में, 23 जिलों तथा 3 शहरी डेरियों से युक्त 9 दुग्ध शेडों में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से आपरेशन फ्लड शुरु किया गया है।

(ग) सरकार की वर्तमान नीति सहकारी क्षेत्र में डेरी विकास को बढ़ावा देना है।

Fluctuoting Prices of Agricultural Products

3290. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not taken any measures to protect farmers against fluctating prices of agricultural products :

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The Government announces every season minimum support prices for important agricultural commodities. The minimum support prices are fixed on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of State Goverenments, Central Ministries. etc. While formulating its recommendations on price policy the CACP taken into account a number of important factors like cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, parity between prices paid and prices received by farmers (Terms of Trade), etc. The prices fixed cover not only the cost of production but also a reasonable margin of profit.

दूध का प्रयोग न होना

3291. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूध के उत्पादन और वितरण में तालमेल के अभाव के कारण दूध का प्रयोग नहीं हो रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) देश में दूध की राज्यवार मांग और उत्पादन कितना-कितना है; और

(घ) सरकार ने दूध का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 1991-92 के दौरान 220 ग्राम/व्यक्ति/दिन की पौषणिक आवश्यकता की तुलना में औसत राष्ट्रीय दुग्ध उत्पादन 178 ग्राम/व्यक्ति/दिन था।

(घ) देश में दुग्ध उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए हर संभव प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। इस संबंध में अपनाई जा रही नीतियां इस प्रकार हैं :—

1. घरेलू क्षेत्रों में चयनित प्रजनन द्वारा राष्ट्रीय महत्व के गो-पशु नस्लों का आनुवांशिक सुधार और अन्य चुनिन्दा क्षेत्रों में उनका वंशी सुधार;